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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary of the Commission
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report (WT Docket No. 01-309)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:


Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*,¹ attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that you may have at (202) 783-4141.

Sincerely,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

By:



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Attachment

¹ Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

HEARING AID-COMPATIBILITY STATUS REPORT

May 17, 2004

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.

Licensee of:

(KY11) Kentucky 11 (B) - Clay RSA

Call Sign: KNKN787

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc., ("LCC") hereby provides the Commission with the Hearing Aid-Compatibility Status Report ("Report"), as required by the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatible Report and Order*.¹ LCC is submitting this report in order to provide the Commission with the current status of LCC's efforts and progress toward compliance with the Commission's hearing aid-compatibility requirements.

LCC is the licensee of the B portion of the Kentucky 11 – Clay RSA. LCC is a very small cellular carrier operating a cellular system covering six sparsely populated counties in the state of Kentucky. As such it is dependent on third party vendors, rather than handset manufacturers, for its supply of handsets. Because LCC cannot deal directly with handset manufacturers, LCC must rely on third parties for handset information and it experiences significant delays in obtaining the latest handsets.

It is LCC's belief that it currently does not have access to any hearing aid compliant handsets, but LCC will continue to monitor developments through its contacts with its vendors and its counsel.

LCC is cognizant of the hearing aid-compatibility requirements and will strive to meet them in a timely manner. For example, LCC will take steps to comply with the Commission's requirement that service providers ensure that information concerning hearing aid-compatible handsets, including the handset's U-rating, is visible to a potential subscriber.

In terms of LCC's outreach efforts, it plans to do the following:

- Make available to LCC's potential subscribers and current subscribers fact sheets or brochures at its retail store(s) that highlight which handsets are hearing aid-compatibility compliant, and direct interested individuals to ask retail store personnel for more information;

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- Conduct training sessions for retail employees to make them familiar with hearing aid-compatibility compliant handsets; and
- Place hearing aid-compatible related information on LCC's web site including, the hearing aid-compatible handsets LCC will offer, their capabilities and pricing information.